

# **Burrillville**

## **Recreation Commission**

**RE: Minutes, May 10, 2010**

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director Alice Lavigne**

**Al Gerew, Chair Timothy Pratt**

**Juliette Lopez-Recinos, Vice Chair**

**Michael Karmozyn, Burrillville Town Council Liaison**

**Absent: Kevin Mazzarella, Secretary and Al Low**

**Excused: David Marcotte**

**Guests: League Representative-Ray Daignault, President of the Burrillville Patriot's Youth Football.**

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Al Gerew, Chair at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.**

**Motion to accept minutes of April 12, 2010 regular meeting by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Correspondence:**

**None**

## **Good & Welfare:**

Alice Lavigne shared that the Family Fair went very well with recognition given to Director Cheri Hall for moving the fair at the last minute to the middle school due to the weather. The Director stated the fire department stated the fair worked out well in the school. This was the 20th anniversary of the fair but next year the Parks & Recreation does not have the staffing or resources to run the fair alone but if another organization wants to step up to run the fair the department would be glad to share the information. The fair was originally a joint sponsorship but in recent years has fallen totally on the Parks & Recreation Department. The scouts did a great job handling the food. The Department realized a net of \$785.00 after expenses. This amount was raised from vendors and from donations for a wagon raffle. There were 68 registered vendors.

## **Old Business:**

### **Earth Day**

The Director reported there were over 80 the day of and 24 volunteers the Saturday before in Tarklin at this year's Earth Day Clean-up including Recreation Commission member Alice Lavigne. Kimberly Grant sent a follow-up report with the tonnage collected.

### **Skate Park & Other Playgrounds**

Approximately ten different locations are to be analyzed as possible

skate park locations in Burrillville. An estimate of \$6,000 for 6 foot fencing if the park is to be surrounded and a Department of Public Works estimate of \$2,300 to lay new pavement if necessary.

Possible locations were reviewed by the commission including to the right of the Burrillville Police Station, property owned by the Burrillville Housing Authority behind Ashton Court which would possibly require fencing, current Eccleston Park location for summers only, parking area at the Louis Bleiweis Park, adjacent to the Burrillville Community Recreation Center (Beckwith-Bruckshaw Lodge), adjacent to the basketball courts at Hauser Field, Burrillville Middle School, the old Pascoag Mobil gas station site, and parking lot at White Mill Park. The Director will send the analysis to the commission requesting any ideas regarding the pros and cons before forwarding to the Town Manager. Al Gerew voiced the possible new Mill Complex as a skate park location. The Director will contact the Town Planner regarding this possibility. This information will be shared with the Town Council in the future and workshop if necessary.

The Director mentioned the possibility of having the Burrillville Community Recreation Center (Beckwith-Bruckshaw Lodge) as a satellite location for the Boys and Girls Club as a Teen Center to help support the costs of the building while addressing the teen age group. A future meeting with the Boys & Girls Club will take place.

Three bids were received for the new Freedom Park playground equipment. The two lowest bids were for the equipment in the bid specs. The third bid was the highest bid and was for different equipment than what was in the bid specs. The playground equipment bid information was reviewed by the commission. The recommendation to the Town Council to award to Game Time Playground Company as the lowest bidder including a tot swing, additional surfacing material (fybar), cost factor for split rail fencing with mesh backing and a new sign specifying the playground as "Tot Lot Playground" for younger children. Installation by the playground company would be included so any liability would fall first on the playground company. Funding would be from the Capital Recreation account which currently has a \$44,000 available balance. The Director will verify the standard fencing height required around the playground.

Al Gerew suggested enclosing the playground area only to allow other people to access the water's edge.

### **Spring Lake Beach**

The Director reported the bids for the cafeteria were received by the same two companies who bid previously. Robert Lord's bid is \$6,977.52 and SICO was \$7,054.00. The recommendation will be to award the bid to Robert Lord as the low bidder with a target delivery the end of June for the six twelve foot roll up tables.

Juliette Lopez-Recinos verified the resident family season pass has

been increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per family. Previously, the budget subsidized the \$10 difference but this amount has been cut from the budget this year. Timothy Pratt questioned why we are still offering non-resident passes since it was previously discussed to discontinue them. The Director reported the land and water conservation act states if a pass is offered to the residents, passes will have to be offered to non-residents also. The swim lesson fees have been increased from \$5.00 per participant to \$10.00 per participant with a maximum family cost of \$20.00 for the three week program with the fees to be split between Spring Lake Beach and the Lions Club for their sponsorship. The new pass forms were shared with commission.

### **August Bus Trip**

The fundraising August bus trip to Mohegan Sun has been cancelled due to lack of resources to follow up on registrations, etc. The last bus trip the department only profited \$71.00.

### **Family Fair**

“Discussed above”

### **Spring Lake Beach Entertainment**

The Spring Lake Beach entertainment schedules were shared with the commission.

### **Meal Site and Workshops**

**The Workshops are completed for the summer months. The Meal Site will end on May 27th. The Meal Site was successful with numerous volunteers but no one wanted to volunteer to take over the registrations, taking the money or meeting the driver each Tuesday and Thursday.**

## **New Business:**

### **Budget Board recommendations**

**The Director shared with the commission the proposed budget recommendation by the Town Manager for the Parks & Recreation Department, Spring Lake Beach and Burrillville Extended Care. The recommendation suggests cutting all funding for the leagues but the Town Council could reinstate the funding. The recreation center funding has been recommended to be reinstated by the Town Manager.**

**League Representative-Ray Daignault, President of the Burrillville Patriot's Youth Football, was in attendance. Discussion took place regarding the possible solutions to the Hauser light fee budget problems including the Burrillville Patriot's Youth Football league assisting to support the light fees, fundraising, meeting with Pascoag Utility District and the light key control problems. The league allotments from the town being reduced to zero versus the gradual step down was discussed with the leagues being notified and the budget information available on the town's website. Background**

checks can still be required if leagues are utilizing town fields and the schools responsible for leagues utilizing their facilities. Alice Lavigne nominated Al Gerew, Chair of the Recreation Commission, to voice the commission's concerns to the Town Council at the upcoming Public Hearing scheduled for May 20, 2010 regarding the ramifications of the proposed league and lighting cuts.

#### **Annual Duck Race/Road Race**

The Director will distribute Duck Race tickets to the commission at the next meeting. The Lions Club will again be cosponsoring the Duck Race. The Director is looking to have the Road Race taken over by another group due to Parks and Recreation Department staff reductions and lack of resources necessary to put on the race. Originally the Road Race was a joint sponsorship by various organizations but has now fallen totally onto the Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department.

**Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Juliette Lopez-Recinos, Vice Chair. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion Passed 3-0.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, June 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks & Recreation Office, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859.**

**Recorded by**

**Carol L. Conway**

**Administrative Aide**

**Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department**

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